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[H.J. Res. 247]

Designating May 29, 1989, as the "National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the USS IOWA".

Whereas the USS Iowa, a battleship in the Navy on maneuvers in the Atlantic Ocean, on April 19, 1989, suffered a tragic explosion in its second forward gun turret;

Whereas the explosion killed 47 heroic crewmembers of the USS Iowa;

Whereas the people of the United States are filled with sorrow because of the explosion and extend to the families of the victims their utmost sympathy; and

Whereas Memorial Day is observed on May 29, 1989, and honors those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 29, 1989, is designated as the "National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the USS IOWA", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved May 25, 1989.

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